rupees is a clear proof of taking bribes. I therefore request that duplicate copies should be registered, one to be in the Registration office and one with the party concerned.

Dewan.—This will be considered.

Mr. Kanni Settappa.—The present system of levying cash instead of stamps is the best arrangement and any change in the present system would [illegible] many civil suits and corruption. I would therefore earnestly request that no change in the present system be made.

Mr. Shamaiengar.—If a document is to be registered people will have to go long distances for procuring stamps as they will not be readily available with stamp vendors, and sometimes they will have to return from the Registration office without getting the necessary stamps. The official who will be in the habit of taking bribes would find this an opportune time and take enhanced rates. It may not be possible to take stamps in each and every case. It is therefore submitted that owing to the various hardships that would be caused to the people, the present system may be continued for some time longer.

Second Member of Council.—It is not quite correct to say that stamps would not be available, as each taluk headquarter is supplied with ample stamps so that they may be available to the public at all times. It will be easy enough if stamps are sold in the Registration office itself, and Government would arrange to have them sold in the respective offices in taluk headquarters.

Mr. Shamaiengar.—It is very undesirable to have duplicate copies of the documents. This would naturally lead to forgery and substitution. The suggestion of a certain member to have duplicate copies should not be approved by the Government.

Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao.—Original may be substituted and its contents altered. Now original is with one man and copy with another. This is safe.

Dewan.—Levying of registration fees in stamps is only an alternative and not in lieu of cash, and the easier of the two may be adopted by the people. The system of levying stamps will be tried for some time and further action will be taken after seeing the feasibility or otherwise of the system. Now it is not possible to cancel the orders already passed.

With regard to the next subject it is not possible to change the procedure in registration of documents as it would lead to grave risks.

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao.—In Ceylon the system exists. The experiment may be tried.

Dewan.—I do not think it is possible.

PROTECTION—(LEGISLATION).

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SUBJECT No. 24.

Introduction of Usurious Loans Act.

Mr. B. N. Vijaya Deva, Vokkaligara Sangha, Bangalore.

Summary of Representation.—An act on the lines of the British Indian Usurious Loans Act may be introduced in the Mysore State.

Second Member of Council.—The question has been taken up and a bill is under preparation.